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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of two months is hereby requested with regard to a Final Office Action, which was mailed November 30, 2005.

A two-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date April 30, 2006. As April 30, 2006 is a Sunday, this petition is timely filed on Monday, May 1, 2006 under the weekend rule pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7.

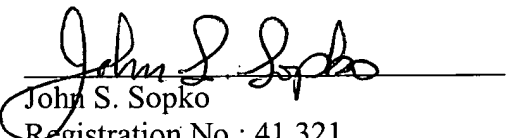
A two-month extension fee is set in the amount of \$450.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a). An extension fee in the amount of \$120.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) was previously paid in connection with the petition for extension of time mailed March 28, 2006. Thus, the fee due for the two-month extension of time is the difference between \$450.00 and

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\$120.00, or \$330.00, pursuant to MPEP §710.02(e), which states, in part, that the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) are cumulative and that the current fee due may be reduced by previously paid fees.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of \$330.00 or any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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